

Newton—Azrak Station will continue to be referred to by its Murrieta location, but its official title will be the “Theodore L. Newton, Jr., and George F. Azrak Border Patrol Station,” in honor of the heroes who gave their lives for the safety of others.

As we honor and remember the fallen agents, I would like to thank all of our Border Patrol agents and Customs and Border Protection personnel for their service and commitment to the safety and security of all Americans.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 30, 2007

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I was unable to vote on October 29, 2007. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner: rollcall 1010 (On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended—H.R. 3224)—“nay”; rollcall 1011 (On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, as Amended—H. Res. 573)—“aye”; and rollcall 1012 (On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree—H. Res. 747)—“aye.”

IN MEMORIAM OF LOUIS S. BLANCATO

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 30, 2007

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the late Louis S. Blancato—an anesthesiologist, professor, proud World War II veteran, and citizen of the world. In his memory, I introduce his New York Times obituary published on October 25, 2007.

Dr. Blancato practiced and taught medicine, earning over the span of his career illustrious posts as department chair at St. Luke's Hospital and president of the New York State and American Society of Anesthesiologists. He served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps, and maintained a professorship at Columbia University.

He was a lover of his family, country, and Italian-American roots. A native New Yorker, he stepped outside the bounds of his home often, globetrotting in pursuit of good work and good friends.

OBITUARY: LOUIS S. BLANCATO

BLANCATO—Louis S., M.D. On October 23 in Rye, NY. Beloved husband of the late Nancy. Survived by Louis S., Robert, John and Amy and beloved grandchildren Celia and Carly. Also supportive three daughters and son-in-law.

Dr. Blancato was a dedicated practitioner and teacher of medicine with a long and distinguished career as an anesthesiologist. Department Chair at St. Luke's Hospital and President of New York State and American Society of Anesthesiologists are among his many accomplishments. He was also a Professor at Columbia University. He received many awards and inspired many. Dr. Blancato was a graduate of Fordham University and the Flower Fifth Avenue Medical School and a proud World War II veteran of the U.S. Army Medical Corps.

Dr. Blancato's family, country and Italian American heritage were the foundations of his life. A lifelong New Yorker and a citizen of the world through work, travel and many friendships.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, October 27 at noon in the Osborn Auditorium, 101 Theall Road in Rye. In lieu of flowers the family recommends individuals make a donation to a charity of their choice in the name of Dr. Louis S. Blancato.

RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING EFFORTS TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT AND HELP END THE WORSENING HUMANITARIAN CRISIS AND GENOCIDE IN DARFUR, SUDAN

SPEECH OF

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 29, 2007

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in strong support of H. Res. 573, a resolution that recognizes the tremendous efforts put forth by public advocacy groups to raise awareness and help end the worsening crisis in Darfur.

My district is home to many of these advocates, who work tirelessly to inform their neighbors and bring greater attention to this humanitarian emergency. Their work to end the genocide in Darfur is a critical part of our combined effort to stop the violence and the bloodshed that has claimed entire families.

In this time of international conflict, it is so important for us to educate and inform our neighbors about what we can do to help those in need. I am thankful for all of the people in my district who are working toward a peaceful resolution in Darfur. Their dedication to this cause is singular in its commitment, and I am deeply grateful for their contributions.

I urge all of my colleagues to support this important resolution.

TRIBUTE TO THE NORTH CAROLINA BEACH HOUSE FIRE VICTIMS

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 30, 2007

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise to memorialize the lives of Justin Anderson, Travis Cale, Lauren Mahon, Cassidy Pendley, William Rhea, Allison Walden, all students at the University of South Carolina, which I proudly represent here in this body, and Emily Yelton, a student of Clemson University.

Madam Speaker, when young men and women go off to pursue an education, their families hope for them a bright future and a long life. All seven of these young men and women lost their lives in a fire this weekend and I join with those that I represent at the University of South Carolina in offering condolences to these families. And I also say to the families of Clemson University, our heart goes out to all of them.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and this body join me in a moment of silence in memory of these young people.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TOM PRICE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 30, 2007

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 1012, I was inadvertently detained. Had I been present, I would have voted “no.”

HONORING THE UTTAR PRADESH ASSOCIATION OF GREATER PHILADELPHIA'S DIWALI FESTIVAL CELEBRATION

HON. JOE SESTAK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 30, 2007

Mr. SESTAK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Uttar Pradesh Association of Greater Philadelphia for bringing Diwali to Delaware County.

The U.P. Association of Greater Philadelphia is a non-profit organization formed 4 years ago to connect and provide a forum for people from the State of Uttar Pradesh and the surrounding regions in India. The association brings Indian culture to the community, adding to cultural understanding and awareness throughout the region.

One of the group's main events is the celebration of Diwali, the Hindu festival of lights. Diwali is one of the few holidays celebrated throughout India, bringing people together in the spirit of the season. The origin of Diwali is unknown, although there are various legends and customs associated with it.

In Northern India, where Uttar Pradesh is located, Diwali marks the return of Lord Rama after 14 years of exile and his defeat of the demon Ravana of Lanka. This represents the triumph of good over evil and of light over darkness, a theme that is common to Diwali stories from other regions of India.

The UPAGP, along with the Indianaca Academy in New Jersey, reenacted the story of Lord Rama on Saturday night, and put on a spectacular cultural program that transcended religion, race, and nation. The message of light as a symbol of knowledge and goodness driving away darkness and ignorance is one we would all benefit from hearing more often.

I ask that everyone join me in commending the UPAGP for bringing Diwali and its message to Upper Darby, Delaware County, and the Greater Philadelphia area, in recognizing its contribution to the community, and in acknowledging the hard work and dedication of its members.

HONORING MINNIE COX

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 30, 2007

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce legislation designating the United States Post Office located at 100 W. Percy Street in Indianola, MS, as the “Minnie Cox United States Post Office”.

Minnie M. Geddings Cox, a graduate of Fisk University, was appointed postmistress of